



# Howard County Council

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Greg Fox  
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Minutes (approved)

Monthly Meeting

January 26, 2015

3:30 p.m.

C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Kay Sigaty, Chair; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chair; Calvin Ball; Greg Fox; Jen Terrasa

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: Stan Milesky, Director of Finance; Rafiu Ighile, Deputy Director of Finance; and Dan Kenney and Kristen Anderson from CohnReznick were in attendance to present and discuss the CAFR. Mr. Kenney reviewed four items with the Council – the Independent Auditor’s Report, the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, the Management Letter, and the 114 *Those Charged with Governance* letter. Mr. Kenney stated that the County received an unmodified, or clean, opinion on its financial statements for Fiscal Year 2014. The audit noted material journal entries that were required to capital assets. Finance is in the process of addressing this issue and agreed with the auditor’s comment. The management letter noted four items to strengthen internal controls and operating efficiency: (1) outdated service packs, (2) documented recertification review of SAP users, (3) IT risk assessment, and (4) agency funds. A number of IT issues noted in last year’s management letter have been resolved.

Mr. Fox asked Mr. Glendenning if there was anything in the audit that was of concern to him or anything that should be of concern to the Council. Mr. Glendenning said there was not. Mr. Fox also inquired about a statement of net position that would reflect school system assets as well. Mr. Milesky responded that he did not think that would fit within any specific schedule in the CAFR but agreed to compile that information and provide it to the Council.

Council Member Reports: Ms. Sigaty did not have a Chair’s report. For the Patuxent River Commission, she reported that the County has received its MS4 permit. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has challenged the permit, and the Patuxent River Commission has sent a letter of support for the new permit. Mr. Fox reported that he will be attending the NACo legislative conference February 21-25. Conference information packets were distributed to the Council, and he encouraged his colleagues to let him know if they have any questions or issues they would like him to raise. Ms. Terrasa had provided a written MACo report and welcomed any questions. Ms. Sigaty mentioned that she was invited to an initial meeting to discuss a large county caucus through MACo.

Staff Reports: Ms. Feldmark referred to her written report and asked Council members to think about any specific budget requests for FY2016. Mr. Glendenning provided status updates since his written report and updated the Council on the Spending Affordability Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.